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POEMS

THE LITTLE DEITY ALONE IN THE DESERT

My life is here
A contemplation of slow days and distant women.

Women standing in the sky-line
As if about to turn into their shawls and leave
        their doorways.

The illimitable movement of my hand
Across the desert
Contrives against their motions and my being.

LATE WINTER

The duller plains of dawn
        near this
Gray 'dobe of bare fruit-trees—

        hesitant
A foot upon the sill.

A REQUIEM FOR THE MEMORY OF BEES

Lake Michigan

A brown flowering tree
On twilight
Was but a farther spinning of
        the sprinkled blackbirds.